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SUBJECT: RED:ECAFE: FIRST SESSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF PER-  
MANET REPRESENTATIVES. MAY 29, 1974. BANGKOK

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1. SUMMARY: RED/HAS RECEIVED DOCUMENTATION FOR SUBJECT MEETING ON  
AGENDA ITEMS 3 THROUGH 5 (TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR OTHER ECAFE  
COMMITTEES, SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND CALENDAR OF MEETINGS) AND AIR  
MAILED ONE SET TO GREENE, IO/CMD. SUMMARIZATIONS FOLLOWS  
END SUMMARY.

2. DOCUMENTATION PROMISED BY MANI IN REFTEL ON OTHER AGENDA  
ITEMS STILL NOT AVAILABLE BUT ITEM 6 (WORK PROGRAM) EXPECTED  
SHORTLY.

3. DOCUMENT OES/ACPR/2. TERMS OF REFERENCE ON THE MAIN  
COMMITTEES OF ECAFE OTHER THAN THOSE ON AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
AND STATISTICS: PROVIDE BRIEF SUMMARIES OF PREVIOUS AND PROPOSED  
NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE (T/R) FOR FOLLOWING COMMITTEES ON:

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ECONOMIC PLANNING: INDUSTRY, HOUSING AND TECHNOLOGY; NATURAL

RESOURCES; POPULATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. NEW T/R FOR THESE COMMITTEES ARE GENERALLY SUCCIENTLY WRITTEN YET SUFFICIENTLY BOARD ENOUGH TO COVER ALL THE COMMITTEES FIELDS OF INTEREST. T/R FOR TRADE COMMITTEE AND TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REMAIN UNCHANGED (AND STILL SUBJECT TO REVISION IF NEW SHIPPING COMMITTEE FORMED) BUT ATTENTION IS CALLED TO CLAUSE (F) WHICH PERMITS IT  
"TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE CREATION OF INTRAREGIONAL CODIES FOR PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS. TOURISM AND FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC BY ALL MODES OF TRANSPORT IN ASIA AND THE FAR EAST" COMMENTS: T/R APPEARS SATISFACTORY BUT CLAUSE (F) SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO ELIMINATE COMMITTEES  
ABILITY TO CREATE SUBCOMMITTEES.

4. DOCUMENT OES/ACPR/3-"BODIES SUBSIDIARY TO MAIN ECAFE COMMITTEES" PROVIDES IN AN ANNEX THE BACKGROUND AND TERMS OF REFERNECE TO ALL SUBSIDIARY BOIES (I.E. MAINLY SUBCOMMITTEES AT THE THIRD LEVEL) THIS DOCUMENT DECLARES THAT NO SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULD FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR AND PROPOSES THAT THE FOLLOWING FIVE SUBCOMMITTEES (HIGHWAYS AND HIGHWAY TRANSPORT. WATER TRANSPORT, RAILWAY. TELECOMMUNICATION AND TOURISM AND FACILITATION) BE ABOLISHED AND REPLACED, AS NECESSARY, BY AD HOCK INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUPS. ALSO DISCONTINUED WOULD BE SUBCOMMITTEE ON METALS AND ENGINEERING AS WELL AS THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY RESOURCES AND ELECTRIC POWER SINCE THIS LATER BODY WILL BE SUBSUMED IN THE NEW COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES WHICH ALSO SUBSUMES THE REGIONAL CONFERENCES ON WATER RESOURCES AND ON MINERAL RESOURCES HOWEVER, THE FATE OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING REMAINS OPEN FOR FUTHER CONSIDERATION AND SEVERAL ARGUMENTS FOR ITS RETENTION ARE GIVEN (ECOSOC HAS COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING APPEARS STRAINED AND  
WE RECOMMEND OPPOSING ITS RETENTION AND SUPPORTING ITS TRANSFORMATION INTO AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP.

5. IN THE SAME OES/ACPR/3 DOCUMENTS, OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES ARE RECOMMENDED FOR THE SCRAP HEAP: MEETING OF SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISORS. GROUP OF EXPEERTS ON PROGRAMMING TECHNIQUES, WORKING PARTY ON SHIPPING AND OCEAN FREIGH RATES, WORKING PARTY OF EXPERTS ON COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION. PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ESTABLISHMENT OF ASIAN CLEARING UNION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON THE ESTABLISMENT OF AN ASIAN RESERVE BANK  
HOWEVER, RETENTION IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS GROUP  
(TNG) AND THE INTRAREGIONAL TRADE PROMOTION TALKS. RETENTION WAS SLIGHTLY LESS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR WORKING PARTY ON CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION. COMMENT: WE RECOMMEND NO OBJECTION TO RETENTION OF TNG, SINCE IT IS REPARATELY FINANCED, BUT WE SHOUD ASK THAT

INTRAREGIONAL TRADE PROMOTION TALKS BE HELD ON AD HOC BASIS.

6. TWO OTHER BODIES WERE TREATED IN AN AMBIGUOUS FASHION: THEIR RETENTION WAS NOT PEXPLICITLY RECOMMENDED BUT IT WAS STATED THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO MEET ON AN AD HOC BASIS. THESE WERE ECAFE-COS/ IUGS REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON STRATIGRAPHIC CORRELATION IN THE ECAFE REGION(EXPECTED TO MEET IN 1976) AND ECAFE RAILWAY RESEARCH COORDINATING COMMITTEE. SUGGESTION WAS MADE TO RENAME LATTER BODY RAILWAY RESEARCH EXPERT GROUP.

7. OES/ACPR/4. CONTAINS REVSISED CALENDAR OF MEETING FOR 1974./

75. SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES FROM THOSE CONTAINED IN EARLIER CALENDAR (E/CN. 11/L. 393/ADD. 1) FOLLOWS:

MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER -NO CHANGE

OCTOBER- SPECIAL REGIONAL MEETING PREPARATORY TO SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNIDO (OCT. 31-,NOV 4) SUBSTITUED FOR " "COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY. ETC"

INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS ON OIL-PALM CANCELLED.

NOVEMBER-INTERGOVERMENTAL MEETING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ASIAN CENTRE FOR AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY"ADDED WITH NO DATE.

"EXPERT GROUP ON PROGRESS EVALUATION DURING SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE"MOVED UP FROM DECEMBER TO 18-23 NOVEMBER.

DECEMBER-TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE" CHANGED

TO 6-14 JANUARY AND "COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC PLANNING" SCHEDULED FOR 9-14 DECEMBER INSTEAD OF 6-14. JANUARY. "MEETING OF SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISORS, ETC." CANCELLED.  
FEBRUARY -THIRTY FIRST SESSION BEGINS FEB 26.

8. OVERALL COMMENT: UNCLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WE INTEND TO CONTINUE OPPOSING RETENTION OF THIRD LEVEL BODIES UNLESS  
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